REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-17 are presented for examination.

In the Office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-5, 8-13, and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. In the foregoing, the claims have been amended to place the application in a condition for allowance.

More specifically, in the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 3, and claim 3 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, and 5 are in an allowable condition. Further, claim 4 has been amended to independent format, placing claim 4 in a condition for allowance. Claim 6 has been amended to include the features of claim 8, and claim 8 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, claims 6, 7, 10, 14, and 16 are in a condition for allowance. Claims 9 and 11 have been rewritten in independent format. Accordingly, claims 9, 11, 12-13, and 15 are in a condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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